

KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,
their families, and
the child care system
that serves them

District of Columbia

Total population: 572,059

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 3,470 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2001 ACF-801 data)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2003 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$177,146

(FY 2003 CCDF Final Allocations and Earmarks,
U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



231 children served by 3 grantees are in Early Head Start

2003 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment
(EHSNRC Database—July 2003)

14% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

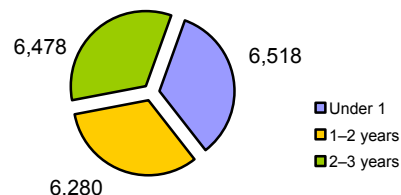
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



283 children under 3 are served by the Early Intervention Program

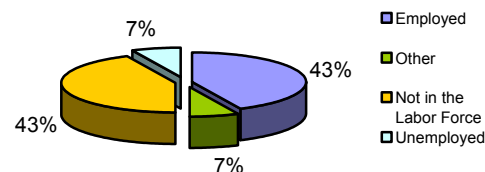
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs,
Data Analysis System (DANS), Dec. 2002)

19,276 Children Under 3 Live in District of Columbia



U.S. Census 2000

43% of District of Columbia Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Professional Development of Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Infant/Toddler Caregiver
Credential:

No

Infant/Toddler Child
Development Associate*:

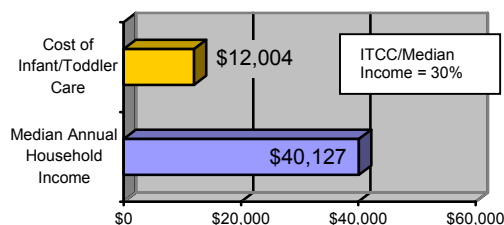
56 issued in 2002
16 issued in 1998

Early Learning
Guidelines for 0–3:

In process

*Council on Professional Recognition

Annual Cost of Infant/Toddler Child Care as a Percent of Median Income



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In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

- 1:4 for 6 weeks
- 1:4 for 9 months
- 1:4 for 18 months
- 1:4 for 27 months
- 1:8 for 36 months

(State Licensing Regulations)

In Family Child Care a maximum of 2 children under the age of 2 years per provider are allowed

(State Licensing Regulations)

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